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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28-64 are pending in this application. Claims 45-64 are allowed.
Claims 28-44 are rejected, and have been cancelled.

The allowance of claims 45-64 is acknowledged.

Claims 28 and 44 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emesh et al (US Patent No. 5,452,178) in view of Witek et al (US Patent No. 5,340,754).

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emesh/Witek in view of Jain (US Patent No. 5,494,854).

Claims 35, 39, 41 and 43 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emesh/Witek in view of Jain (US Patent No. 5,494,854).

Claims 30-33 and 37 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emesh/Witek/Jain in view of Tsal (US Patent No. 5,981,379).

Claims 34, 36, 38 and 40 stand rejected as being prima facie obvious.

The exact reason for the rejection of claim 42 is not known. A call placed to the Examiner was not returned as of the date of this Response.

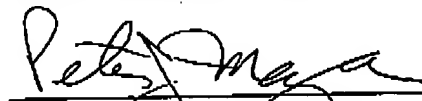
The above rejections of claims 28-44 are addressed by canceling claims 28-44.

All rejections having been addressed, and noting the allowance of claims 45-64 this case is now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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